

DEMOCRATS CERTAIN TO CARRY ILLINOIS.

Sanguine Leaders Claim as
High as 65,000
Majority.

Say Country Districts Are for
Them and That They Will
Sweep Chicago.

Lowest Estimates Give Bryan 20,000
More Votes Than
McKinley.

TRYING TO COERCE THE VOTERS.

Employers of the Windy City Attempt to
Force Their Men into Supporting the
Republican Ticket—Alleged's
Chances Good.

By Alfred Henry Lewis.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14.—A ransack of Illinois politically brings cheer to the free silver Democracy. Both sides have of late laid violent claim to Illinois. Hanna and his coterie said it was to be for McKinley; Jones, Algeid and the Democratic leaders at Springfield and Chicago were equally vehement in giving the State to Bryan and free silver. They declared the battle won for Bryan. It was all over but the yelling.

With politics, both State and national, running on such new lines; with such as the Whiteheads and the Cockrains for the Republicans; with Teller and Butler for the Democracy; and with men heretofore of a turgid and direct partisanship, such as Hill, on the one hand, and the late Governor, on the other, now in a jarring clash of claims. It was worth while looking into the situation on one's own account, receiving nobody's claim as good without proof.

The Hannacrats, in an ecstasy of eager voracity, announced—and do still—that McKinley would carry Illinois by 100,000 majority. The wish was father to this bluff, for such it was. A bit of research disclosed this claim of 100,000 for McKinley to be feather-headed nonsense.

Republicans Are Really Scared.

Nor had the Hannacrats even slight basis for the assertion. They have taken no poll, made no round-up. As nearly as inquiry on my part is answered, it would look as though the Republicans had been "scared stiff," as Hanna phrases it, by the words brought in by their own agents, and made the blunder, historic claim of a coming 100,000 majority for McKinley for the same reason that boys whistle when passing some midnight graveyard and to keep up the spirits of their following. The least of asking about with questions showed this.

Brought to particulars, for instance, the Hannacrats declared that Cook County would go McKinleyward by 1,500 majority. A house to house poll, as well as the history of a decade of voting, proves that Cook County will go at least 600 Democratic.

In certain counties, where the Republicans solemnly assert a McKinley certainty of 100 majority, a house to house poll, made with half-line patience, gives it to Bryan by over 500. The same might be said of all the country counties. The Republicans lay hands on them, but do not know whence they speak, and do not dare make practical investigation, for fear the discoveries might blast and wither them.

Canvass of Democrats.

Algeid, on his part, working with his lieutenants, "Buck" Hirschman and Fithian, has made, one following the other, two thorough canvasses, school district by school district, of every foot of Illinois ground lying between Cairo and the Cook County line. This made two years the first canvass an unlooked for glow on their prospects that they couldn't believe it true. So they made the second. They declare—Algeid and his associates—that their search was so thorough that not even a pin-point of political change escaped them. They slammed every front gate, pulled every door bell, save in Chicago and its county. As a result they assert that both Algeid and Bryan will come to the Cook County line with a clean majority of 20,000.

They tell, too, that a poll has been made of Chicago and Cook County, and that the free silver Bryan-Algeid forces will win there by 35,000. They claim the State without tremor or blush by 50,000 for Algeid and Bryan. While these gentry of free silver 10 to 1 can show much more of reason for the hope within them than the Hannacrats, while it is clear they are not engaged in the pastime known in some circles as "talking through their hats," yet what they say must be taken with allowance for leakage and shrinkage.

Conservative ones with whom I conversed cut the rural majority which they claimed down to 20,000. That figure, it would seem, everybody agrees Algeid and Bryan will have. But as to Cook County no regular or thorough poll has yet been made. What Algeid and the others rely on is a two-thirds surmise and guess, rather than the fruits of search.

Strong Ticket in Chicago.

No Democratic campaign in Chicago had been set squarely afoot until yesterday. They got their county ticket Saturday—got it harmoniously. It is a good ticket and they will now get down to detail as well as general campaign work. Just now it is the best view that Cook County will be in the neighborhood of a tie between Bryan and McKinley. But the silver folk expect to add to their strength, and they will.

I found that in Chicago (Cook County) the Republicans relied mostly on money, and by the same token the Democrats on their part feared the Hanna purse.

"But under the Australian ballot you can't successfully buy votes, as the ballot is secret. But you can buy election judges," said a battle-scarred Democrat, "and that's exactly where we fear Hanna in Chicago."

It would be doing too much polite justice to believe for a moment that the Republicans would not buy an election judge if they saw the need and found the judge. So this chance is out against Bryan.

I found that the Republicans are in a desperate mood. They try the cats and coercion. It is understood all over Chicago, in railway shops, manufactories, packing houses and everywhere besides, where men in bodies labor for day wages that a vote for Bryan means the loss of situation.

Dictation to Employers.

There are but few employers too good to make this threat; they have established the padrone system; they strive to reduce the men to the state of Mexican peons. It is white slavery, these employers have declared. They run "money schools" at noon and herd in their men. All this is wanted, and they mean it.

If they dare. But there's a threat in their own hands. They are sown. These report any defection

ALL ADMIRE HIS MADONNA.

Art Experts Call on Picturesque M. Hurel and He
Talks of Raphaels and Ovoid Ships.

Amand Martin Hurel, agriculturist at Thiellement, in the mountains of the Eure, and an inventor, knows now what landing at Ellis Island with Raphael's ninth Madonna entails.

It is dreadful. M. Hurel cannot sleep, cannot eat, cannot converse. The procession of art lovers, art critics, art experts, for example, at the coffee-and-roll hour, Rue Saïe, of Dusseldorf Gallery celebrity; Weiss, the artist, and George Gorhard, the patron; at the breakfast hour, W. C. Paul, whose twelve paintings by old masters make Ehrlich envious; at the dinner hour, C. F. Alberti, who is Rome's art critic, immortalized by Gabrielle d'Annunzio. M. Hurel shows his Raphael, which all admire. The experts shake their heads at his Rubens, but M. Hurel does not care so much for that. They like his Raphael. "It was retouched," says Alberti, "after the fire at Witty Hall"—it's his way of pronouncing Whitehall.

"Possibly, but I have no personal knowledge of that," replies M. Hurel.

He is as graceful as his picture. When he arrived he wore the suit of a Calabrian bandit, blue corduroy coat and trousers. Now he is in his Sunday clothes: white wool trousers, dotted with yellow; black silk Breton waistcoat, without buttons; gray woolen shirt and black cravat; violet velvet smoking jacket; white wide Tam o' Shanter; the Royalists, who favor Don Jaime, instead of Philippe d'Orleans in France, wear. In the summer garden of the Hotel de France he is a greater attraction than his picture. He points to the distinctive traits of his Raphael, with a "here."

"Here the child's foot indicates hardly discernible lines of the master's signature," M. Hurel says. He sees them. His attitude is that of a favor on the artist.

Hurel has big portfolios stuffed with manuscripts, pamphlets and geometrical designs. Here is a newspaper report of his fight with a furious bull in a plain of Thiellement. There is the record of his rescuing a young girl from the horns of mad boar. These are the details of the Kermeuse, in the canton of Bourgethoule, where Hurel, in an athlete's tights, wrestled with all the young men who accepted his challenge and defeated them all.

The local journal refers to him as "the philanthropist," and Le Petit Journal, of Paris, describes his ship. It is an ovoid ship. "The ovoid," he says, "is a mathematical form. The liquid in my milk bottle has an independent oscillatory movement. The sea is independent, in its action, from my ship." His ship was tried at sea, but it failed. "Why did it fail?" he is asked. "Because it was tampered with the machinery," he replies, convincingly.

It seems absurd that M. Hurel should own Raphael's ninth Madonna; but, then, he is one of the most interesting men who ever swam in the absurd lake a swan in the water of a lake.

from McKinleyism on the part of the men. It is worse than Venice and the secret Council of Ten. It is the vilest of tyranny. The men know it, feel it, rage and rise against it, but just the same they tremble before it, and fear it.

There is a general belief among workmen that their own republicanism shows the character of their ballots, notwithstanding the Australian system, and that they will be free to vote as they please. The Democratic leaders are becoming aroused to this, and may move to indict several placotors with well advertised, if not widely honored, names for "intimidating voters."

Democratic by 20,000.

But taking the best and most conservative testimony of both sides, Bryan to-day stands to get the State by 20,000. It remains to be seen whether the McKinleyites will hold or bow down this day. All honest future changes of political faith in the State will be from gold to free silver. One hears of new converts to free silver daily. This is particularly true of the Southern half of the State, where Bryan met such enthusiastic thousands as he crossed it.

Expect to Help Bryan.

They believe McKinley will decline, while they know Bryan will accept. This they argue will do Bryan good to the tune of 10,000 extra votes. Should McKinley be guilty of the unexpected and accept, they count surely on Bryan's triumph over him, and this would do the free silver man more good than the first happening mentioned. Hence this petition goes out, and it is believed will be ready to spring on McKinley in a few days. It already has 25,000 signatures.

I could find no respectable strength for the decoy ticket. If Palmer, the free silver Sage man on all sides quietly assured me that it would not get more than 6,000 votes in the whole State. The highest estimate I got was 10,000 votes. It is believed that two-thirds of those who vote for Palmer would have stayed at home other wise and that one-third would have voted for McKinley. It is believed that the decoy ticket will hurt McKinley and go by Bryan as harmless as the wind.

"No man in the world who has voted the free silver ticket will take up Palmer, Buckner and gold," said one, and he was right. Others laughed at it. "The aggressive use of the ticket," said a scoffer, "is 100 years, rather too soon."

Among the farmers I found the free silver question the dominant one. The income tax was also much talked of, and their tongue's end. But in Chicago and in railway towns the men are not worried so much about finance and talk less of free silver than of that platform plank which grinds Government by injunction below the party heel. That's what the railroad element is after, and other trades unions follow suit.

Algeid Making a Good Race.

Algeid is running well, and this reminded me of what a Republican Congressman once said to me last spring: "No matter what they say of Algeid," said this statesman, "the fact remains that he's the best Governor we have ever had, and the best people know it. He'll beat Tamm." The Republican candidate's campaign lumps; defeat waits for him at the end of the trail.

To sum up, from all I could see and learn, Bryan and free silver will carry Illinois, do it handsomely. The Populists will do their part, and the free silver Republicans would seem to outnumber the gold Democrats about 10 to 1. Bryan should win by a good margin. At the same time, if it is the only loophole of Republican escape, is the McKinley syndicate, and took the State out of the Republican hand for the first time since the days of Douglas. They were as violently against Carter Harrison when he was made Mayor by a large majority. Bryan need have no fears of the Chicago press if the press is any guide. As the day stands, put Illinois in the Bryan column. Let it stay till further orders.



LABOR IN THE RANKS FOR BRYAN AND SEWELL.

League of Workingmen Rapidly
Falling in Line for These
Candidates.

Delegates Representing 60,000 of
Them Have Declared Their
Loyalty.

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS NOW OPEN.

Vast Numbers of Unorganized Workers in
the City Are Pledged to the
Support of the Silver
Ticket.

The movement of the workmen in favor of Bryan is extending among their ranks as the campaign becomes closer. To-day the Independent League of Workingmen, which sent delegates yesterday to Buffalo to attend the convention of Democratic clubs, to be held there this week, will open regular headquarters in the old rooms of the Manhattan Single Tax Club, on East Twenty-seventh street.

There are now 336 members in the Independent Bryan League of Workingmen, and as most of these are delegates of labor unions, they really, if not officially, represent the sentiments of probably sixty thousand organized workmen. This is independent of the other workmen's Bryan clubs, which are springing up and the vast army of clerks and other unorganized workers who are in favor of Bryan.

The delegates of the League to the convention of Democratic clubs, which begins in Buffalo to-day, are John M. Bogert, F. E. Bleyer, S. Doeringer and Charles B. Spahr, editor of the Outlook. All the delegates except Spahr left this city for Buffalo yesterday. He will probably leave for the convention to-day. Speaking of the movement he said yesterday:

"As far as I can learn, the entire Central Labor Union, with the exception, possibly, of one or two men, is in favor of Bryan. I have always taken a great interest in the affairs of the trades unions and find that the sentiment of workmen all over the city is overwhelmingly in favor of Bryan. One of the main objects of the League will be to prevent the nomination of Congressmen who are not fully committed to the Chicago platform. The delegates were given instructions, which were embodied in a set of resolutions adopted at a conference of six Independent Bryan and Chicago Platform Leagues of this city."

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference and it does hereby recommend that delegates should endeavor to have passed by both constituent resolutions demanding suitable pledges from all Democratic State Congressional candidates to support Bryan, Algeid, Sewall and the Chicago platform in its entirety.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference and it does hereby recommend that delegates urge the insertion in the Democratic platform of planks in favor of (1) employment of the unemployed; (2) repeal of the Anti-Conviction Laws; and (3) the initiative and referendum.

Among the prominent labor unionists in the League are George Tomblison, of the Gliders Union; C. W. Hoadley, ex-delegate of Electrical Workers' Union No. 3; James H. Williams, secretary of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union; Matthew Barr, ex-delegate of the Tin and Sheet Iron Workers' Union; Charles Sotheran, of the Excelsior Labor Club; Henry Meisel, delegate of the Bartenders' Union; ex-Deputy Factory Inspector George McKay and Thomas Doyle, former delegate of the Central Labor Union; Charles B. Stover, the well-known East Side reformer; Henry J. Rode, of the Neighborhood Guild, and David Roberts, the Morrisania Socialist, are also members. All these men represent the sentiment of thousands of workmen. John M. Bogert, the League's delegate to the convention, has been on an organizing tour through the State. He reports that Bryan and Sewall clubs are springing up rapidly in Albany and other cities. The Allied Printing Trades Bryan Club has about a membership of 800 in this city, and other clubs are rapidly being organized.

CARLISLE SAYS SILVER MAY DRIVE AWAY GOLD.

Declares the Two Metals
Must Be Maintained at
a Parity.

Unlimited Coinage, He Asserts,
Means Inability to Redeem
Obligations.

Present Policy of the Treasury De-
partment Is the Only
Safe One.

GOVERNMENT'S CREDIT AT STAKE.

If Yellow Metal Is Forced to a Premium
It Will Be Impossible to Pre-
vent Its Retirement.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Secretary Carlisle, from his summer retreat in Bar Harbor, Me., has addressed to one of his Kentucky correspondents the following letter:

James P. Helm, Louisville, Ky.:
My Dear Sir:—Your letter asking how the silver dollars which contain a quantity of bullion commercially worth only about fifty-three cents each are maintained at a parity with gold, notwithstanding the fact that the Government does not directly redeem them, or the certificates issued upon them, in gold, is received, and, as a great many inquiries upon the same subject are addressed to me daily from different parts of the country which it is impracticable to answer in detail, I will take advantage of your favor to answer them all at once.

All the standard silver dollars issued from the mints since the passage of the act of 1878, now amounting to more than \$433,000,000, have been coined on public account from bullion purchased by the Government and are legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, without regard to property and services of all kinds, and received from the people at a parity with gold in the payment of all public dues and demands.

The Government has made no discrimination whatever between the coins of the two metals, gold having been paid on its coin obligations when gold was demanded, and silver having been paid when silver was demanded. Under this policy the coinage has been so limited by law and the policy of the Treasury Department that the amount coined has not become so great as to drive the more valuable gold, gold, out of use, and thus destroy the basis of our monetary system; and so long as the two metals are of unequal commercial value at the ratio established by the law, this limit upon the coinage, in my opinion, absolutely essential to the maintenance of their parity in effecting exchange.

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It constitutes the principal safeguard for the Government against the possibility of depreciation which the experience of all countries has shown would otherwise result from the issue of unlimited quantities of coins of the same denomination, but of unequal value.

Unlimited Coinage of Silver.

If the limitation were removed, confidence in the ability of the Government to preserve equality in the exchangeable value of the coins would be destroyed, and the parity would be lost long before the amount of silver coined had become really excessive. With free and unlimited coinage of silver on account of private individuals and corporations the Government would be under no moral obligation to maintain the parity of the silver coinage.

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limits, the means heretofore employed for the maintenance of the parity will doubtless be found sufficient in the future, and our silver dollars and silver certificates will continue to circulate as par with gold, thus enabling the people to use the both metals instead of one only, as would be the case if the parity were destroyed by free coinage.

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